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Barclay Bay, Turner Gulch access to improve, Corps sets plans to allow Lucky Peak cross-dam traffic starting mid-May

REVISION/UPDATE: The Army Corps of Engineers decided late April 4 to expand the hours of availability by opening Lucky Peak gates daily at 6 a.m., two hours earlier than previous plans. These expanded hours help accommodate other recreation users.

Boise, Idaho, -- Boaters and other recreation seekers will be able to use the roadway across the Lucky Peak Dam again beginning mid-May and continuing through the summer, according to a recreation official from the dam's natural resources office. Lucky Peak is the Treasure Valley's natural resources and recreation management office for the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"We have finalized plans to start opening the roadway over the dam beginning May 15 and continuing through September 15 so that our visitors can get access to facilities at Barclay Bay and Turner Gulch more easily," said Dave Brownell, who heads the Corps' Lucky Peak office. "Visitors will be able to enter the area at 8 a.m. but will have to be back and outside the access control gates by 10 p.m., or they'll be locked inside until the gates reopen the following morning."

The roadway has been closed to public traffic since the 9-11 attacks caused increased security controls. Security postures in the Corps are based on threat potentials and other factors. These scheduled hours for crossing the dam could be canceled or modified if circumstances cause the Corps to tighten controls again.

Visitors who wish to buy boat launching passes, either the version selling for \$2 for a one-day visit, or for \$25 for the season long kind, will have to wait a bit longer, according to Brownell. He explained that they will go on sale as of May 15 and not before as there is no program to allow refunds if controls were tightened up, the gates locked again and public access were once again closed.

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